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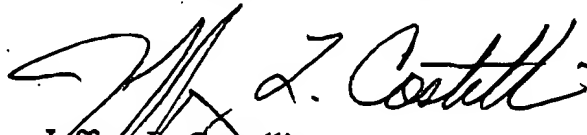
Dear Sir:

Attached is an *Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312(b)* for filing in the above-identified application. Since the issue fee was paid on August 13, 1999, the undersigned requests that the instant application be flagged so that the attached *Amendment* can be matched with the file upon its return from contractors before being assigned an issue date and number.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, you are invited to telephone the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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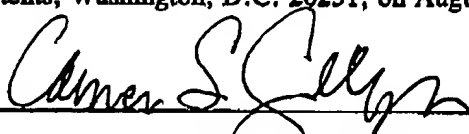
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312(b)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be slightly amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the specification and claims.

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